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LUSAKA, SEPTEMBER 28 -- THE HEADLINE STORY IN THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, "BIG FIVE WIN US, BRITAIN BACKING", QUOTES A STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT FROM WASHINGTON RELEASED IN LUSAKA YESTERDAY AS SAYING "THE ROAD TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IS NOW OPEN." THE TIMES FURTHER QUOTES FROM THE STATEMENT "WE HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT OF THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS IN LUSAKA AND WELCOME IT. THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THE BASIC PROPOSALS WHICH WILL LEAD TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN TWO YEARS. THEY HAVE ALSO ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING TO ESTABLISH A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE FOR A GOVERNMENT OF INDEPENDENCE." THE ARTICLE QUOTES PRESIDENT FORD AS SAYING "THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WHICH THEY (THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS) RAISED IS THAT THE DETAILED COMPOSITION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WILL CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS PROBLEM." THE ARTICLE REPORTS "INFORMED SOURCES" IN WASHINGTON AS SAYING THAT DR. KISSINGER DOES NOT FEEL THE BLACK AFRICAN RELUCTANCE TO

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NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH SMITH WAS A REJECTION OF HIS

DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. TREATING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REACTION THE ARTICLE REPORTS FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND REMARKS AGREEING WITH THE FIVE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS THAT THE FIRST ESSENTIAL IS SETTING UP A TRANSITION GOVERNMENT TO CARRY RHODESIA TO MAJORITY RULE. BRITAIN, ACCORDING TO CROSLAND, IS PREPARED TO HELP ORGANIZE A MEETING OR CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF SUCH A GOVERNMENT AND WOULD BE READY TO TAKE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ESTABLISH IT. THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT MR. TED ROWLANDS, FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTER OF STATE, IS FLYING TO BOTSWANA TODAY TO ATTEND THE INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THERE. AND FOR TALKS WITH AFRICAN PRESIDENTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. ALSO REPORTS IAN SMITH'S REMARKS THAT THE FIVE PRESIDENTS STATEMENT IS A "RESULT OF THE COMMUNISTS CALLING THE TUNE." IN REGARD TO THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS PROPOSED CONFERENCE, SMITH IS QUOTED AS SAYING "I HAVE NOT GIVEN IT MUCH THOUGHT YET." SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IS REPORTED AS SAYING THE STATEMENT WAS "VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND," AND, IF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IS TO BE FOUND THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS "SHOULD CLEAR UP THE CONFUSION WHICH NOW EXISTS". THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT KISSINGER, IN THE FROST INTERVIEW HINTED THAT THE PEACE FORMULA ACCEPTED BY RHODESIA CONTAINED A LESSON FOR SOUTH AFRICA. "WITHOUT SPEAKING ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY, THE ART OF POLITICS IS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS WHILE YOU STILL HAVE SOME FREEDOM OF CHOICE", DR. KISSINGER SAID.

THE TIMES SECOND LEAD ARTICLE CONCERNS THE ZANU-ZAPU UNITY TALKS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN LUSAKA TODAY. THE ARTICLE FOCUSES ON MUGABE'S CRITICISMS OF THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST LEADERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NKOMO WHOM MUGABE BELIEVES "WOULD NOT OBJECT TO UNITING OUR CADRES SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A COMMON APPROACH IN OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SMITH REGIME." MUGABE DOUBTS THAT REVEREND SITHOLE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO REJOIN ZANU "BECAUSE OF THE GRAVITY OF THE WRONGS HE MADE WHEN HE QUIT," AND DESCRIBED THE MUZOREWA-LED ANC FACTION AS "TOOTHLESS" BECAUSE IT HAD NO ARMY, ADDING THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE IS BETTER OFF WITHOUT THE ANC SINCE IT IS A BODY "WITHOUT A PURPOSE." MUGABE REPORTEDLY SAID MUZOREWA WOULD BE RELEVANT ONLY IF THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS FOR MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE SUCCEEDED AS OUTLINED BY THE RECENT SUMMIT OF THE FIVE FRONTLINE STATES, UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT IS IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONVENED A CONFERENCE OUTSIDE RHODESIA TO SET UP A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. HE TERMED THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS AS FALLING FAR SHORT OF ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST DEMANDS SAYING "ON OUR PART, WE WANT A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF 12 MONTHS DURING WHICH THE VITAL INSTRUMENTS OF POWER COULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE MAJORITY IN ORDER TO TAKE FULL CONTROL OF LAW AND ORDER."

A TIMES FGHT PAGE ARTICLE FROM REUTERS ALSO TREATS LONDON
NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL OPINION AND THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED
TANZANIAN DAILY NEWS. THE LATTER SAYS THE REMOVAL OF THE WHITE
GOVERNMENT WILL NOT END THE STRUGGLE IN RHODESIA BECAUSE OF THE
DIVISIONS IN THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT.

AN ARTICLE ON PAGE 3 OF THE
TIMES FROM REUTERS SUGGESTS THAT THE
AMERICAN INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA IS EXPECTED TO BLUNT SOME OF THE
CRITICISM SRI LANKA PREMIER BANDARANAIKE WAS DUE TO MAKE AGAINST
THE WESTERN POWERS OVER SOUTHERN AFRICA WHEN SHE ADDRESSES THE
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY.

THE EDITORIAL "OPINION" OF THE TIMES DISCUSSES THE ISSUE OF
POLITICAL AMNESTY FOR THE REFUGEES FROM THE SMITH REGIME, SAYING
THAT "FULL POLITICAL AMNESTY TO THE IMPRISONED, EXILED AND BANNED
LEADERS OF THE RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT DOES NOT, SO FAR,
APPEAR TO HAVE FIGURED HIGHLY AT ANY OF THE MEETINGS OF THE
POWERFUL," BUT HOW ARE "THE LEADERS OF THE BLACKS WHO HAVE BEEN
DISPERSED BY THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND WAR GOING TO TALK, LET
ALONE NEGOTIATE WITH A USURPER WHEN BY THAT MAN'S ILLEGAL LAW
THEY ARE STILL UNABLE TO RE-ENTER THEIR COUNTRY?". THE EDITORIAL
STATES THAT THIS MATTER CANNOT BE LEFT TO THE NATIONALIST LEADERS
TO BE SETTLED AT THE CONFERENCE WITH "THEIR WHITE USURPING
COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE RESTRICTED THEIR FREEDOMS. MUCH OF IT HAS
TO BE ACCEPTED AS A PRECONDITION." THE EDITORIAL STATES "IF
THERE IS ANYTHING THAT RINGS HOLLOW AND SUSPICIOUS IN THE PRESENT
MANOEUVRES IT IS THE ABSENCE OF AMNESTY AND THE TIGHT LIP ON IT
BY THE ACTORS," AND CONTINUES THAT THE "US WOULD DO WELL NOT TO
OVERLOOK THIS PROBLEM BEFORE THE FEELING HARDENS THAT THE DRIVE
IS A SEARCH FOR CONVENIENT BLACK CIPHERS WEARING NATIONALIST
HOODS."

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TODAY'S ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL HEADLINES "ANU-ZAPU IN UNITY TALKS," REPORTING TALKS ARE OPENING IN LUSAKA TODAY BETWEEN ROBERT MUGABE, LEADER OF THE ZANU FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND JASON MOYO, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT OF ZAPU, "COULD TURN OUT TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE ZIMBABWEAN CRISIS AFTER THE CURRENT ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS." THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS, ACCORDING TO GEORGE SILUNDIKA, ZAPU DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY, IS "TO FORM AN INTEGRATED ARMY WHICH WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE THAT COUNTRY'S NATIONAL ARMY TO DEFEND AND CONSOLIDATE INDEPENDENCE", WITH THE HOPE THAT "ALL OTHER POLITICAL TENDENCIES WILL INTEGRATE THEMSELVES ... "IN ORDER TO FACE THE BRITISH AND SETTLERS AS ONE PATRIOTIC FRONT." MUGABE CONFIRMED SILUNDIKA'S STATEMENTS POINTING OUT THAT THE ZANU-ZAPU CONSULTATIONS DO NOT CLOSE THE DOOR TO CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER "GROUPS" ALTHOUGH HE DISMISSED REVEREND SITHOLE'S CLAIMS TO SUPPORT AMONG THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. MUGABE CLAIMS THE POSITION OF "ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE PARTY (ZANU) UNTIL AN OPPORTUNITY IS FOUND TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT ALTHOUGH HE WILL RETAIN THE POST OF SECRETARY-GENERAL. MUGABE ALSO ADDED THAT HE WANTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA WHICH WERE MARRED BY HIS ATTACK AGAINST HIM IN A BBC INTERVIEW RECENTLY IN WHICH HE STATED THAT DR. KAUNDA WAS STALLING THE ARMED STRUGGLE BY THE DETENTION OF ZANU MEMBERS IN LUSAKA. BOTH MUGABE AND MOYO EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE TALKS WOULD CULMINATE IN AN AGREED MECHANISM TO RE-ESTABLISH A MILITARY ALLIANCE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE POLITICAL AGREEMENT FOR UNITY AMONG THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS.

A DAILY MAIL FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT MUGABE QUOTES HIM AS TERMING THE SMITH PROPOSALS AS "OUTRAGIOUS" AND UNACCEPTABLE
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UNLESS ZIMBABWEAN CADRES TAKE OVER THE RHODESIAN ARMY DURING THE PROPOSED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. MUGABE STRESSED: "OUR STAND IS THAT THERE MUST BE A DISINTEGRATION OF SMITH'S ARMY POWER. OUR FORCES MUST MOVE IN TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE SETTLER FORCES IN ZIMBABWE AND THIS MUST BE DONE DURING THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT LIKE WHAT HAPPENED IN MOZAMBIQUE." MUGABE ALSO ATTACK THE PROPOSED EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES SAYING THAT SINCE THE BLACK OUTNUMBER THE WHITES 25 TO 1 PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION WAS VITAL. HE SAID HE DID NOT

KNOW IF THE PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED BY SMITH WERE THE ORIGINAL ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS "BUT WHOEVER WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE PROPOSALS MUST HAVE ERRED TO THINK WE SHALL ACCEPT THEM AS THEY ARE." HE ALSO SAID HE AND HIS CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND OTHER ZANU LEADERS WOULD STUDY IN DETAIL THE STATEMENT BY THE FRONTLINE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY CALLED FOR A BRITISH-INSPIRED CONFERENCE TO WORK OUT THE MECHANISM OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN THE DAILY MAIL REPORTS THAT SIR ANTHONY DUFF TOP BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE EXPERT ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS WILL FLY TO AFRICA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENT INSTEAD OF GOING TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRUST FUND TO GIVE ECONOMIC AID TO AN INDEPENDENT RHODESIA. THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE WASHINGTON TALKS FOLLOWED SUNDAY'S STATEMENT BY THE FIVE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS CALLING ON BRITAIN TO IMMEDIATELY CONVENE A CONFERENCE OUTSIDE RHODESIA TO DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT BOTH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS WELCOMING THE RESPONSE OF THE FIVE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS TO SMITH'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. THE ARTICLE QUOTES KISSINGER AS SAYING "THE ROAD TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS NOW OPEN," AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOW CONSULTING BRITAIN ON ORGANIZING A MEETING TO SET UP A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT IAN SMITH AND RHODESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER P.K. VAN DER BYL BLAME COMMUNIST PRESSURE FOR THE FIVE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS DECISION TO REJECT PARTS OF THE PACKAGE FORGED BY KISSINGER.

A SECOND PAGE ARTICLE IN THE DAILY MAIL FROM REUTERS SERVICE "WORLD TAKES CAUTIOUS STAND OVER RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE PLAN" SURVEYS WORLD PRESS REACTION TO THE SMITH PROPOSALS BEGINNING WITH QUOTES FROM A KISSINGER RADIO INTERVIEW WITH DAVID UNCLASSIFIED

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FROST IN WASHINGTON IN WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE REPORTEDLY SAID THE FIVE FRONTLINE BLACK NATIONS ACCEPT THE BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR RHODESIA'S FUTURE ALTHOUGH THEY HAD QUESTIONED THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT'S COMPOSITION. KISSINGER ALSO SAID "THERE WAS A DANGER OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION', AND THERE WAS "A DANGER OF JACE WAR WHICH WOULD NOT CONFINED TO ANY PARTICULAR LOCALITY. THERE WAS THE DANGER OF THE RADICALISATION OF THE ENTIRE AFRICAN CONTINENT ...I HOPE THAT MANY OF THESE DANGERS HAVE BEEN REDUCED OR ELIMINATED." DR. KISSINGER IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING "THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE INTERESTS OF GREAT BRITAIN BUT WE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LEND OUR SUPPORT AND ADVICE IN ANY MEDIATION THAT THE PARTIES MY HAVE JUST NEGATED." ITEM USIS LUSAKA. BURNS

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